GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:212
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2000
USE OF I.A.F. PLANES BY MINISTERS
AMAR ROY PRADHAN;CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of outstanding dues against former/present Prime Ministers, other Ministers as well as Political Parties as on date on account of using Defence aircraft;

(b) the date since when these dues are outstanding against each of them;

(c) the amount of recoveries made, if any, from any of the Ministers so far during the last three years;

(d) the status of the recent P.I.L. and subsequent High Courts orders in the matter of recovery of such dues; and

(e) the follow-up action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement indicating details of airlift dues against former/present Prime Minister(s), Central Ministries/Departments and Political Parties for use of IAF aircraft together with recoveries effected during the last three years is laid on the Table of the House.

The details of outstanding amounts against Ministries/Departments are inclusive of the air effort provided to Ministers, as Air Hqrs are not maintaining separate accounts in the name of individual Ministers.

(d) & (e): As per Court's directions, the matter is being pursued with the concerned Political Parties. Further action as per law will be taken, if required, for recovery of the dues.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.212 FOR 9.3.2000.

Sl.No	AGENCY	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING (Rs.)	PERIOD TO WHICH AMOUNT RELATES	RECOVERIES MADE (Rs.)		
	Former/Present PM(s) and Political Parties			1996-97 ++	1997-98 +++	1998-99++++
1.	Shri Chandra Shekhar	5,91,31,476	1991-92			
2.	Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao	5,52,40,647	1995-96 and 1996-97	13,30,64,150		
3.	Shri H.D. Deve Gowda	54,61,497+	1996-97 and 1999-2000			
4.	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee	Nil				4,55,941
5.	All India Congress Committee	44,73,053	1980-81;86-87;90-91&95-96			
	Central Ministries/Departments					
6.	Agriculture	Nil		89,94,736	1,15,66,250	31,68,167
7	Chemical & Fertilizers	Nil			1,10,000	
8.	Civil Aviation	20,158	1997-98	12,55,833		86,08,500
9.	Communication	44,21,953	1978-79 to 1999-2000	2,33,204	98,65,306	2,44,902

10. Culture, Youth Aff & Sports	2,03,166	1994-95				
11. Environment & Forests	11,21,192	1995-96 & 1997-98			1,73,333	
12. External Affairs	12,58,79,077	1973-74 to 1999-2000	8,59,51,174	20,96,34,820	9,47,85,221	
13. Finance	42,80,593	1982-83 to 1999-2000	71,28,334	1,45,98,000		
14. Food	21,657	1968-69 to 1986-87				
15. Health & Family Welfare	62,42,542	1994-95				
16. Home Affairs	5,80,65,614	1999-2000	18,60,26,288	71,60,000	51,72,750	
17. Human Resources Dev.	8,565	1983-84				
18. Industries	Nil		2,87,000			
19. Information & Broadcasting	37,15,874	1974-75 to 1999-2000	55,258	17,929	10,53,91,000	
20. Labour	Nil		35,000	2,50,000		
21. Lok Sabha Sectt	Nil		5,62,502			
22. Parliamentary Affairs	Nil		7,12,499	13,05,000		
23. Petroleum	Nil		3,00,00,000	58,15,000		
24. Planning Commission	Nil		48,98,659			
25. Power	2,82,333	1999-2000	36,336	6,75,833		
26. Railways	1,02,201	1962-63 to 1981-82	63,07,083	5,04,77,084	1,54,44,538	
27. Rural Development	Nil	6,41,667				
28. Science & Technology	7,98,232	1995-96 & 1998-99				
29. Steel & Mines	Nil		33,71,250			
30. Surface Transport	1,09,327	1968-69 & 1974-75	55,26,626			
31. Tourism	73,922	1994-95		34,33,333		
32. Tribal Affairs	19,25,000	1999-2000				
33. Urban Employment	Nil		7,87,000			
34. Water Resources	4,60,336	1994-95	6,80,000	92,083		
35. Welfare	Nil		19,26,667	4,67,500		

+ Inclusive of Rs. 28,13,333/- in respect of journey undertaken by Shri C.M. Ibrahim, as authorised by the Prime Minister;

++ Rs. 1,00,00,000/- realised in 1996-97 from All India Congress Committee on account of airlift facility provided to Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi;

+++ Rs. 1,69,021/- realised in 1997-98 from the former Prime Minister Shri I.K. Gujral;

++++ Rs.3,95,984/- realised in 1998-99 from the former Prime Minister Shri I.K. Gujaral.